Dear Jeanne,

It is a prime occasion, your 80th birthday (may you live to 120!), to tell you, what we usually skip, forget or are too bashful to say - and we should do it more often.

Few people were blessed to have such a great impact on their families, communities and Nation - you did it Jeanne with unending energy and devotion. We are all so deeply thankful.

You are the kind of a person that should be cloned. I am sure it is true for your family, but I can speak only from the point of view of us in Israel and the Jewish people.

You have held your heart on your hand and given a lot of warmth, care and donations. You have established so many TZDAKA projects, cultural events and institutions.

A small woman of such magnitude!

May you be healthy and successful for the many years to come,

yours with deep appreciation and thanks,

Ehud Barak